मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (डा. मुरली मनोहर जोशी): (क) और (ख) सरकार के पास इस संबंध में तुलनात्मक आंकड़े अथवा कोई अध्ययन रिपोर्ट नहीं है। वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान माध्यमिक स्कूलों की संख्या (कक्षा * के स्तर तक) 73,127 थी। अतः यह कहा जा सकता है कि हमारे देश में काफी बड़ी माध्यमिक स्कूल प्रणाली है।

(ग) कुल मिलाकर यह स्थिति सही है। तथापि, इस सामान्य स्थिति के अपवाद भी हैं।

(घ) सरकारी स्कूलों में अनेक प्रकार के विद्यार्थियों यथा पिछड़े वर्ग, ग्रामीण वर्ग इत्यादि की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा किया जाता है और चयनात्मक अथवा प्रतिबंधक प्रवेश नीति शायद ही अपनाई जा सकती है। इसलिए शिक्षा के स्तर को उन्नत करने के प्रयास सेवाकालीन प्रबोधन और प्रशिक्षम के माध्यम से शिक्षकों की क्षमताओं को बढ़ाने और शैक्षिक प्रौद्योगिकी, प्रयोगशाल लाओं, पुस्तकालयों के माध्यम से बेहतर सहायता सुविधाएं प्रदान करने तथा विज्ञान, गणित आदि जैसे महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्रों पर विशेष बल देने पर कगेन्द्रित है। कक्षा में पठन-पाठन की विषय-वस्तुओं और प्रक्रिया में सुधार लाने के भी प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं ताकि पठन-पाठन की प्रक्रिया कम बोझिल और अधिक आकर्षक हो।

Strike by Group C and D employees of Government Hospitals

*450. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI O.P. KOHLl:

Will the MinUter of HEALTH AND FAMILY WEFLARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Group C and D employees in 26 Government Hospitals and All India Institute of Medical Sciences went on a token strike on 25th June, 1988, to protest against the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission Report;

(b) if so, what are their demands and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Governntpnt are seriously contemplating to take some measures to tackle the frequent strickes by the employees/doctors/nurses in the hospitals of Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details of the measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAl): (a) The Group C and D employees of Hospitals and dispensaries in Delhi under the Central Government, Govt, of NCT of Delhi, Municipal Corporation of Delhi and All India Institute of Medical Sciences went on a token strike on 25.6.1998.

(b) The major demands include three time bound promotions, enhancement of Hospital Patient Care Allowance/Patient Care Allowance, better pay scales for all group C&D employees, enhancement the rate of uniform/stitching charges, etc. A Group of Ministers have been constituted) to examine the matter.

(c) and (d) Frequent inter-action take place with the representatives of the employees which in the past have also been effective in resolving such strikes.

Various Courts have given injunctions prohibiting demonstrations within 100 metres of hospitals.

Deterrent action is also taken under the relevant provisions of Law in cases of unlawful conduct which go beyond the provisions of the Industrial Dispute Act and the right to democratically ventilate grievances.

Central Quota of Foodgrains for Assam

*451. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of

the fact that the Central quota of.wheat and rice has been reduced for Assam due to which public distribution system has little foodgrains to offer to the common people;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this uncalled for reduction;

(c) whether Government propose to do away with this reduction and restore the earlier wheat and rice quota; and

(d) if so, by when; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) and (b) Under the Targeted Public distribution System (TPDS) which was launched from June, 1997 the monthly quotas of rice and wheat to all the States/UTs, has been fixed so as to provide foodgrains td the papulation living below poverty line (BPL) @10 k.g per family per month at specially subsidised rates. The BPL papulation in each State/UT has been worked out on the estimates of the Planning Commission based upon the methodology of 'Expert Group on estimation of proportion and number of poor' under the Chairmanship of Late Prof. Lakdawala. Transitory allocation of foodgrains for papulation above Poverty Line (APL) is also being made which has been fixed on the basis of the past lifting of foodgrains in the States/Uts. On this basis the monthly quota of foodgrains fixed under TPDS for Assam is 55,300 tonnes which is lower than the pre-TPDS (May, 97) monthly allocation of 58,000 tonnes, in addition, however, 15,000 tonnes of rice and 10,000 tonnes of wheat per month is allotted to Assam as additional allocation under TPDS.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Under TPDS the BPL & APL quotas of foodgrains are fixed for all States/UTs, and revision only for Assam is not proposed. State&^ UTs are, however, allottecf additional allocations of rice and wheat at Central Issue Prices applicable for APL families keeping in view the requests/needs of the States/UTs, and the availability of foodgrains in the Central Pool.

Recruitment and service rules for IGNCA employees

*452. SHRIMATI MALTl SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether proper Recruitment and Service rules have been fr-.med for the employees of IGNCA:

(b) if not, the reasons for not doing so as the Centre has been in existence for over fourteen years;

(c) the exact time-frame by when these rules are likely to be framed and implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MAHONAR JOSHI): (a) According to the imformation furnished by the IGNCA Recruitment Rules were framed for all posts except short-term posts relating to the UNDP Project. Further IGNCA follows the service rules of the Central Government.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Destruction and Smuggling of Forest Wealth

*453. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the large scale destruction and smuggling of forest wealth in Orissa and other States;

(b) whether such incidents are taking place even in the sanctuaries and national parks; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to curb such incidents and to preserve the valuable forest resources, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) As intimated by the State Government of Orissa it is not a fact that Utrge sc^le